

May 24, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: CC Docket 02-33: Notice of Detariffing of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband
Internet Access Transmission Service**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter and in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 101 of the FCC's *Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket Numbers 02-33 and 01-337 released September 23, 2005, FCC 05-150 ("**Broadband Internet Order**"), Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company hereby notifies the Commission of their intent to discontinue offering Common Carrier Digital Subscriber Line service on a tariffed basis and has notified the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") requesting that Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company be removed from the list of carriers providing Digital Subscriber Line service under NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 effective June 30, 2007. The Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company will continue to offer this service on a permissive detariffed basis. The geographic area impacted by this change is Van Horne, Iowa where DSL is currently available.

On May 24, 2007, Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company provided notice to all affected customers. A copy of the customer notice is also attached.

Pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 101 of the **Wireline Broadband Order**, a copy of this notice is being provided to the affected state public utility commission, the state governor, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense. A copy of this notice is also being sent to NECA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Whipple, Manager
Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company

CC: Chet Culver, Governor of Iowa
Secretary of Defense
NECA
Iowa Utilities Board

**Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service
Effective June 30, 2007**

Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company

CC Docket No. 02-33

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Pursuant to FCC's *Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket Numbers 02-33 and 01-337 adopted August 5, 2005 and released /September 24, 2005, FCC 05-150 ("Broadband Internet Order"), facilities based wireline carriers are permitted to offer broadband Internet access transmission common carrier service pursuant to tariff, or on a de-tariffed basis. Effective June 30, 2007, the Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company will begin offering its broadband Internet access transmission service (normally referred to Digital Subscriber Line or DSL service) on a detariffed basis. Those terms and conditions are available at the office of Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company at 204 Main St., Van Horne, Iowa. The company is required to provide notice to certain parties of the carrier's intent to discontinue providing Wireline Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service (WBIATS) on a tariffed basis. This notice fulfills that requirement.

Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company will continue to make WBIATS available on a detariffed common-carriage basis at the office at 204 Main St., Van Horne, Iowa.

The reasons the company has elected to make this change in its offering of WBIATS are cost and competition related. Currently, the companies are required to offer WBIATS under the rates, terms, and conditions of NECA Tariff FCC No. 5. The rates per NECA's tariff are nationwide average rates that are higher than what the Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company's costs to provide the service. By detariffing our broadband Internet access transmission service, Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company will gain greater flexibility which will enable them to respond to changing customer demands more quickly than under a tariffing regime. By electing this option, Van Horne Telephone will be able to not only offer more competitive prices but also offer new and innovative service arrangements that respond to the customer needs. Our hope is that this change will increase the use of broadband Internet access, a goal shared not only by us but also by the Federal government and States.

While the detariffing of this service does not constitute a discontinuance of service, the FCC has asked carriers that implement detariffing to follow procedures similar to those required for the discontinuance of service. Consistent with those requirements, you are hereby informed that the business office for Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company is 204 Main St, Van Horne, Iowa. Please also be informed that the geographic area affected by this change is Van Horne, Iowa. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service) or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to received the discontinued service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

If you wish to object, you may file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the FCC, Washington, DC 20554. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

This notice is an informational notice only, required by the FCC. No action is required on your part. If you have any questions, please call Donald Whipple, Manager at 319-228-8791.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Whipple, Manager
Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company